

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 521
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Larue "Rudy"
Braswell of Cottontown.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the tragic death of Brother Rudy Braswell; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Braswell was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he will live forever in our hearts as a man who was a friend to everyone, and who would go to great lengths to help out anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, born on September 22, 1950, Rudy Braswell was the son of the late Chloris B. Braswell and Mary Elizabeth Simpson Braswell of Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, for nine outstanding years, Brother Rudy Braswell was the minister of the Mt. Pleasant General Baptist Church in Portland; and

WHEREAS, he had formerly served as the pastor of the Cornerstone General Baptist Church and had been a minister in California, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri; and

WHEREAS, for 11 years, Brother Rudy Braswell went on missions to impoverished areas to preach the Word of the Lord and to donate food and medical supplies; and

WHEREAS, Brother Braswell served with acumen on numerous boards and commissions, including the board of directors for the Publishing House of the General Baptist denomination and President of the Portland Association of the Home Mission Board; and

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WHEREAS, the legacy Rudy Braswell leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Brother Braswell enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Wanda Buntin Braswell; he was the proud parent of Phyllis Braswell Gilman, Melissa Braswell Brown and Sharon Braswell Watson; and grandfather of Andrea, Allison, Tyler and Zac; and

WHEREAS, he was also the cherished brother of Linda McMurtry, Darrell Braswell and Charles Braswell; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Brother William Larue Rudy Braswell, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Rudy Braswell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.